

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



**OFFICIAL WARNING  
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

CASE NUMBER:  
ND07023-AC

VIOLATOR:  
Geffre's Greenhouse

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):  
1124 S. 7th Street  
Oakes, ND 58474

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

**Date of Violation: February 13, 2007; July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.28(a)(2) Primary enclosures.**

Respondent failed to provide primary enclosures for guinea pigs that were constructed and maintained so that the animals contained therein had access to clean food and water as required. At the time of these inspections, guinea pigs were housed under bird cages and subject to debris (fecal matter, feathers, and seeds from the birds above) falling into their enclosures, food, and water.

**Date of Violation: February 13, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.31(b) Sanitation. Housekeeping.**

Respondent failed to keep premises (building and grounds) clean and in good repair. Hamsters and guinea pigs housing had an accumulation of dust and debris and was not being cleaned as required.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b)(3) Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care (Dealers and Exhibitors).**

Respondent failed to observe animals daily to assess their health and well-being. One dead guinea pig was found in a cage with four other live guinea pigs.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007; July 17, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.25(c) Facilities, General. Storage.**

Respondent failed to store bedding in a manner that protects it from contamination by vermin, and spoilage.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.25(d) Facilities, General. Waste disposal.**

Respondent failed to make and implement provisions for the removal and disposal of animal and food wastes, bedding, dead animals, and debris.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.26(b)** Facilities, indoor. Ventilation.

Respondent failed to provide adequate ventilation to provide for the health and comfort of the animals. The air conditioner in the room housing the guinea pigs and hamsters was leaking water and positioned on the floor.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.26(c)** Facilities, indoor. Lighting.

Respondent failed to provide ample lighting in housing facilities for animals to permit routine inspection and cleaning. Only one of four light fixtures was working at the time of this inspection.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.28(a)(3)** Primary enclosures.

Respondent failed to provide guinea pigs housed in primary enclosures with a solid floor with clean bedding as required. At the time of this inspection, hamster cages feces and urine soaked bedding.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.30** Watering.

Respondent failed to provide potable water at all times as required. Water bottles were observed with orange/green/brown colored water and many with black spots that appeared to be mold growing inside.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007; July 17, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)** Sanitation. Cleaning and sanitation of primary enclosures.

Respondent failed to clean and sanitize primary enclosures as required.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007; July 17, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.31(b)** Sanitation. Housekeeping.

Respondent failed to keep facilities (building and grounds) clean and in good repair as required.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.31(c)** Sanitation. Pest Control.

Respondent failed to establish and implement an effective method of pest control.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.125(c)** Facilities, general. Storage.

Respondent failed to store bedding adequately to protect it against deterioration, spoilage, or infestation or contamination by vermin.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.126(b)** Facilities, indoor. Ventilation.

Respondent failed to adequately ventilate area where chinchillas are housed. At the time of this inspection, an air conditioner was being used to provide fresh air. The unit was not minimizing moisture condensation in the room as required.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.126(c)** Facilities, indoor. Lighting.

Respondent failed to provide adequate lighting to facilitate inspection and proper cleaning and husbandry of the animals as required.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.130** Watering.

Respondent failed provide potable water to the animals at all times as required for the health and comfort of the animals.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.131(a)** Sanitation. Cleaning of enclosures.

Respondent failed to clean primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animals, minimize disease hazards, and to reduce odors as required.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007; July 17, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.131(c)** Sanitation. Housekeeping.

Respondent failed to keep premises (buildings and grounds) clean and in good repair in order to protect the animals and facilitate prescribed husbandry practices as required.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.131(d)** Sanitation. Pest Control

Respondent failed to establish and implement a safe and effective program for the control of pests as required.

**Date of Violation: July 11, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.132** Employees

Respondent failed to have a sufficient number of adequately trained employees to maintain the professionally acceptable leve of husbandry practices as required.

**Date of Violation: July 17, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.40(a)(1)** Attending Veterinarian and Adequate Veterinary Care (Dealers and Exhibitors).

Respondent failed to document the name and signature of the attending veterinarian on the written program of veterinary care as required.

**Date of Violation: July 17, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 2.75(b)(1)** Records: Dealers and Exhibitors.

Respondent failed to make, keep, and maintain acquisition records as required.

**Date of Violation: July 17, 2007**

**9 C.F.R. § 3.25(a); 3.125(a)** Facilities, general. Structural strength.

Respondent failed to provide structurally sound housing for guinea pigs and hamsters that restricts the entrance of other animals as required.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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